

House Resolution 154

By: Representatives Brooks of the 63rd and Thomas of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Mrs. Hattie Guinn Watkins; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Hattie Guinn Watkins grew up in Scottdale, Georgia, and graduated from the
3 Avondale Colored High School in May of 1948; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she married Alfred Willie Watkins, who became assistant pastor at Sylvester
5 Baptist Church, and the couple raised ten children; and in the early years of their marriage
6 she supplemented the family income by working as a domestic housekeeper for white
7 families, where her employers quickly discovered that she was more than a good worker, she
8 was good company and a wonderful person; and
- 9 WHEREAS, after working as a housekeeper at Agnes Scott College, she began working for
10 the DeKalb County schools in 1970, and she worked there until the time of her retirement;
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Watkins' funeral arrangements were handled by Willie A. Watkins
13 Funeral Home, which she helped her son establish and where she often helped out after her
14 regular work; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hattie Guinn Watkins went to her Lord after 75 wonderful years of life,
16 and she is survived by her loving husband, six sons, two daughters, and many other family
17 members and friends; and
- 18 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this fine lady be remembered for her life of
19 giving and loving.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body express regret at the passing of Mrs. Hattie Guinn Watkins and
22 convey condolences to her grieving family and friends.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Alfred Willie Watkins.